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Attorney Docket No. MIT-5002

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Title TISSUE GRASPER/SUTUER PASSER INSTRUMENT

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. Applicant claims small entity status.

3. Specification [Total Pages 24]

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- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s)(35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 20]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

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see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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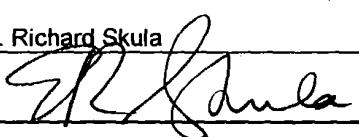
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